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News Release

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Solicitor Pascoe Announces Indictments of House Speaker Bobby Harrell

Columbia, S.C. – September 10, 2014— First Circuit Solicitor David Pascoe announces that the Richland County Grand Jury indicted Robert W. Harrell, Jr., Speaker of the South Carolina House of Representatives, today on nine charges. The nine indictments are for two counts of Misconduct in Office (statutory and common law), six counts of Using Campaign Funds for Personal Use, and one count of False Reporting Candidate Campaign Disclosures.

A bond hearing date has not been set. Mr. Harrell has been provided copies of his indictments but he will be allowed to formally accept service of the true billed indictments and attend his bond hearing on the same date. Once the date for service of the indictments and the bond hearing is set, the First Circuit Solicitor's Office will provide ample notice to the media of the date and time.

Solicitor Pascoe stated, "At this point in the process, the indictments are mere accusations. Mr. Harrell is presumed innocent until proven guilty." Solicitor Pascoe will have no further comment regarding this matter and respectfully requests that the media not contact his office regarding the case against Mr. Harrell. Any requests for indictments or future filings in this case should be directed to the Richland County Clerk of Court.

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